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BOHEMIAN LITERATURE.—We have lately had occasion to look at some of the numerous specimens of magazine literature which are now contending for public favor as successors of the old Port Folio, the first monthly magazine of any note in this country. The Port Folio was originally started in Philadelphia in 1800, and was ably edited by Dennie, the celebrated essayist and "jay preacher." It counted among its contributors Richard Rush, John Quincy Adams, Nicholas Biddle, Robert Walsh, Charles Brockden Brown, Francis Hopkinson, Thomas Cadwallader, Gouverneur Morris and other eminent men. Among the contributors to the Monthly Anthology, started in Boston in 1803, were John Quincy Adams, J. S. Buckminster, George Ticknor and William Tudor, who founded the North American Review in 1815. Another early American periodical was the Analytic Magazine, started in Philadelphia. Its name was changed to Select Reviews by Washington Irving, who edited it for two years, and J. K. Paulding and Gulian C. Verplanck contributed to it. Without enumerating other pioneers of the multitude of American magazines and reviews which have since appeared, and in nearly a hundred instances have also disappeared, we must say that when we compare those which flourished fifty or sixty years ago with those which are flourishing now the comparison is sadly unfavorable to the latter.

In respect to two important particulars the comparison becomes a contrast. The spirit of the early American periodical literature was pure and undefiled, and the most tender religious susceptibilities were never offended. But now-a-days—our periodicals seem to vie with each other in making open or covert assaults upon religion and morality. The whole mass of Bohemian literature is leavened with the spirit of infidelity and licentiousness. The professed satires leveled against licentiousness, and particularly against the indecent exposures which are now so common on the stage and in the fashionable ball-room, are less calculated to shock and alarm than to compete as closely as possible with the fatal fascinations which they pretend to condemn. The Bohemian satirists fairly gloat over the indecencies which they describe with a suspicious affectation of holy horror. They emulate in their descriptions the "prurient pictorialists" which they denounce. They dilate with peculiar satisfaction on the naked truth as illustrated by the "salacious sprites" of the ball-room. They scatter "words that burn," even when they aim at saying that music and scenery and effects are merely the pretext for representing the unchaste convolutions of the goddesses of impudicity at the fullest angle of lewdness and through the rosy medium of amorous suggestion.

The "mob of gentlemen that write with ease" is doubtless larger than in the infancy of American periodical literature. But we cannot admit that such contributors to it as Dennie, Washington Irving, Buckminster, Geo. Ticknor, Everett, Alexander H. Everett, Geo. Ticknor, and others who might be mentioned, have been surpassed as writers by those whose names now figure conspicuously in flaming lists of magazine writers and reviewers. As we have already intimated, our modern periodical writers in their most elaborate disquisitions too often betray the corrupting influence of the very evils against which they inveigh. Their flowery pages exude a poisonous odor; and like the fig leaves in the basket of the Egyptian queen (to borrow an illustration), are defiled by the asp's trail and slime, while the sly worm lurks beneath.

This degeneracy of Bohemian literature is not unaccountable, however, if we remember that it mirrors and reflects here, and in the midst of the nineteenth century, such scenes as are represented with impunity upon the stage—scenes for which no parallel can be found save at Rome in its worst days, at the lascivious and effeminate court of Byzantium, at Herculaneum, at Pompeii, or at Sodom and Gomorrah.—N. Y. Herald.

PATRICK'S ATTEMPT AT GERMAN.—Frederick of Prussia, had a mania for enlisting gigantic soldiers into the Royal Guards, and paid an enormous bounty to his recruiting officer for getting them. One day the recruiting sergeant chanced to spy a Hibernian, who was at least seven feet high; he accosted him in English, and proposed that he should enlist. The idea of military life and a large bounty so delighted Patrick that he immediately consented. "But, unless you can speak German the king will not give you so much." "Oh," said the Irishman, "sure it's I that do know a word of German."

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Patrick learned to pronounce his answers but never dreamed of learning the questions. In three weeks he appeared before the king in review. His majesty rose up to him. Haddy stepped forward with "present arms."

"How old are you?" said the king.

"Three weeks," said the Irishman.

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"Am I or you a fool?" roared the king.

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